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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A gear mechanism comprising a means to protect against wrapping that is disposed radially outwardly of a portion of a shaft that is driven by said gear mechanism, wherein said means to protect against wrapping extends between two side components that are disposed on said shaft portion and wherein during operation said means to protect against wrapping is rotatable about such shaft portion.

2. (original) A gear mechanism according to claim 1, wherein said means to protect against wrapping is disposed between said two side components with axial play.

3. (original) A gear mechanism according to claim 1, wherein said two side components are fixedly disposed on said shaft portion.

4. (original) A gear mechanism according to claim 3, wherein said means to protect against wrapping is held in a frictional manner between said two side components.

5. (original) A gear mechanism according to claim 1, wherein said means to protect against wrapping is disposed in a centered manner relative to said shaft portion.

6. (canceled)

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